

JOHN GATEWOOD.

The Terrible Desperado of Gilmer County.

A Reminiscence of the Guerrilla Warfare of North Georgia and the Hands of Marauders.

ELLIOT, Ga., April 2.—[Special.]—The valleys of Gilmer county are smiling with peace, yet there was a time when they ran with blood. There was a time when men's minds did not turn to thoughts of love, and when the better part of nature was subject to the dominion of Mars.

Although this county was about forty miles from the line of march of the invading army, and though a federal soldier was never seen here until after the surrender, yet no people in the state suffered more from the horrors of war than did those residing within bugle call of Elliot. Here, as in several surrounding counties, was waged a guerrilla warfare of the most bloody character. The contending factions were the "Tories," "Bushwhacker," or "Hobcobs," who sympathized with the federalists, and the "Confederates," or "Guerrillas," on the other. These men usually went in bands of twenty, thirty, or forty, and were desperately brave men as their leader. Their deeds are yet spoken of with bated breath, as if fearful that even now some of them might rise up and demand satisfaction.

"I knew many of these men," said an old citizen today, "and was intimately acquainted with some of the most noted desperadoes of those desperate times."

On being asked to continue, he said: "There was on the side of the bushwhackers, Woolly, alias Enoch, and on the other side there were Ben and Bob Jordan, Cal Glenn, Tom Polk Edmondson, Bud Freeman, John Gatewood, and many others."

"John Gatewood," I have seen the time when the mention of his name would cause the stoutest heart to quail and blanch the cheek of men who knew no such thing as fear. He was known far and wide as the bravest of the brave, and he was desperate itself. He had been the hero of some of the bloodiest battles ever fought, and his hand had the reputation of having slain "union" men almost without number. I had heard so much of him and his desperate deeds that I had painted him in my fancy as something monstrous in appearance, and almost expected to find him in the cloven foot. But how different the reality!

"One day in 1864 the little town of Elliot was startled by a series of the most terrible yells that ever fell on human ears. Soon the square around the courthouse was filled with a band of men who would have disgraced a tribe of Apaches. Drinking, swearing, swaggering, yelling, hooting, shooting, they rode the streets, plundering houses, insulting women and slaying men."

"After about an hour of this riotous revel the band disappeared, and the streets were again quiet. But it was the quiet of desolation and death! The jail had been totally demolished, the courthouse was a wreck, and the home of every family who sympathized with the south had been ruthlessly entered and everything destroyed."

"My own home was a scene I shall never forget. Barrels of syrup and feather-beds were opened together on the floor; pictures were broken, books torn up, clothing burned or carried off, and nearly everything in the house destroyed."

"On the street lay Judge Inlow, dead. He had been shot through the heart without a word of warning. A few yards distant lay Jake Rooney, another citizen, wounded near death."

"This was the work of an hour, and was done by beings calling themselves men. They were by that infamous being with the many aliases, that day calling himself 'Tray'!"

"The next day, for the first time, I saw John Gatewood. He did not come from what I had imagined him. He had heard of the outrages committed in Elliot, and with about thirty of his brave men as ever rode with Quantrill he had come for revenge or retaliation."

"Gatewood rode a magnificent large grey horse, whose high head and spirited carriage seemed to indicate that he was conscious of the fact that he bore a worthy rider. When Gatewood and his band had ridden up into the public square the leader dismounted and, learning from some one that I was a brother of one who had often ridden by his side almost to the jaws of death, he at once approached me and told me who he was."

"He was about six feet tall, broad shouldered, and handsome as a picture. His hands and feet were covered with a fine, dark, diamond ring of dazzling brilliance. He had dark auburn hair, which hung in heavy curls down to his shoulders. His eyes were large, dark and lustrous. Add to this a soft, delicately tinted skin, and you have a picture of the handsomest man I ever saw. Perhaps, to let his beauty seem too effeminate, but let his soul be fired by the impulse of revenge, and the dark eyes flashed fire, the delicate hand held the bridle rein with the grip of a vice."

"When I first saw him he was elegantly dressed, and his mild manner and soft, soothed voice seemed better fitted to a modern duelist than a dashing cavalier. The four heavy navy revolvers which were buckled around him, alone, of all his paraphernalia, bespoke the desperate times he followed."

"He asked and received information of the bushwhackers' raid the day before, inquiring particularly for certain parties whom he seemed anxious to meet. When he was about to leave, he gave me a little pocketbook and the first greenback dollar I ever saw. He then turned, gave the command 'Forward!' set spurs to steed, and left in the wake of the bushwhackers, followed by thirty as brave men as ever followed a leader."

"A few days later I heard news which proved that the wrongs suffered by the people had been terribly avenged. He had collected 'Tray's' band of desperadoes into their mountain retreats, where a terrible encounter took place. The men fought with the knowledge that their deeds cried aloud for blood, and that Gatewood's men would never mercy them until they lay in the jaws of death. The encounter had such a wholesale effect upon 'Tray's' partisans that they gradually disappeared after that."

"Gatewood was at this time about twenty-two years of age. He was born in East Tennessee. When he was about seventeen his home was visited by a band of marauders who plundered his house, bound him with ropes, and in his presence grossly insulted his mother and sisters, killing one of them."

"When they left and his bonds were loosed, he swore a terrible oath of vengeance. He was bound a boy, but he was released a man. How well the man carried out the resolution of the boy, was proved by the fact that nearly every one of that band of marauders paid for his misdeeds with his life."

"A few years ago John Gatewood was following a peaceful vocation in the west. I suppose he is yet."

Such are some of the stories which one may hear told here in the quiet of the present day they seem improbable, but as they took place within the memory of living men, they can be verified.

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GRAND CONVENTION OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Commencing April 4th—Lasting to the 8th—An Immense Crowd to be Present.

Macon, Ga., April 3.—[Special.]—Beginning on Wednesday morning, April 4th, at half past six o'clock, the twenty-third annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Georgia will be held in this city, ending Sunday evening.

On Wednesday evening the conference of the general secretaries will be held in the elegant parlors of our association.

The next meetings will be held in the First Presbyterian church.

The programme for the balance of the week is as follows:

Thursday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.—Organization and miscellaneous business, 3:30 to 4:15—District work, led by G. Williams, and 4:15 to 5:00—Devotional.

Friday, a.m.—9:00 to 10:00—Bible reading, 10:10 to 11:30—Reports of associations in writing—Evangelical text, 11:30 to 12:15—Buildings in small towns and how to secure them.

Friday p.m.—2:30 to 3:15—Bible training class, 3:15 to 4:00—Bible study, 4:00 to 4:45—District work, 4:45 to 5:30—Social hour, 5:30 to 6:15—District work, 6:15 to 7:00—Social hour, 7:00 to 8:00—Bible study, 8:00 to 9:00—Social hour, 9:00 to 10:00—Bible study, 10:00 to 10:45—Social hour, 10:45 to 11:30—Bible study, 11:30 to 12:15—Social hour, 12:15 to 1:00—Bible study, 1:00 to 1:45—Social hour, 1:45 to 2:30—Bible study, 2:30 to 3:15—Social hour, 3:15 to 4:00—Bible study, 4:00 to 4:45—Social hour, 4:45 to 5:30—Bible study, 5:30 to 6:15—Social hour, 6:15 to 7:00—Bible study, 7:00 to 8:00—Social hour, 8:00 to 9:00—Bible study, 9:00 to 10:00—Social hour, 10:00 to 10:45—Bible study, 10:45 to 11:30—Social hour, 11:30 to 12:15—Bible study, 12:15 to 1:00—Social hour, 1:00 to 1:45—Bible study, 1:45 to 2:30—Social hour, 2:30 to 3:15—Bible study, 3:15 to 4:00—Social hour, 4:00 to 4:45—Bible study, 4:45 to 5:30—Social hour, 5:30 to 6:15—Bible study, 6:15 to 7:00—Social hour, 7:00 to 8:00—Bible 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The President and the Democracy.

The rumors we hear occasionally from Washington that President Cleveland will not permit the use of his name for renomination we hope are without foundation.

The president could not take this course after his departure from the platform on which he was elected without being charged with a want of courage. It is said that General Hancock was doubtful about accepting the nomination in 1880, when he read the tariff for revenue only platform. There would have been some excuse for him not doing so, for he had nothing whatever to do with making it. His refusal to enter the race when he found out that it would not have lost him many friends.

It is different with President Cleveland. He has substituted the views of a minority of the Chicago convention on the tariff for the platform adopted when he was nominated, and no man has ever been found who could lead the party to victory on that line. We are willing to trust President Cleveland and try it again with him, and do what we can to elect him, while we differ with his plan on tariff. Many a good soldier has fought in battle, and bravely too, when he was disappointed or did not understand the plan of the fight. For the president to shrink from the contest when others think there is doubt about his party being successful on account of issues which were forced by him and not by the party which elected him, would be in keeping with the conduct of a man who would send a challenge and then refuse to fight because the man he challenged accepted. Besides, on the line mapped out by the president, who can lead the party? Shall we try Morrison, his right-hand man? He was defeated for congress in his own district at the last election on the same issue. Shall we try Carlisle? He came so near being defeated in the last election that there was a contest for his place. It is true we might try Mills; he carried Texas by over one hundred thousand majority against prohibition, but somehow a majority of the democrats in congress have shown a want of faith in Mills by substituting Breckinridge in his place to take charge of the bill of his committee, and even the whiskey men do not kick at the change.

The truth is, President Cleveland must make the fight, and he should have the same right to make his platform that Mr. Tilden had. Mr. Tilden dictated every word of the St. Louis platform of 1876. The committee did not change a single line, and they were sensible for not doing so. There was no such foolishness as free trade in it. Nor no such foolishness as "tariff for revenue only." His platform was successful and he was elected. President Cleveland should not only have the right to make his platform but to say who shall run with him as vice-president. Certainly no one who is willing to trust him to outline the principles of the party will object to his selecting his own associate. The convention comes off here on a republican convention. This was done to please President Cleveland. It would make all the work of the national democratic committee in reference to this call very foolish for him to decline to permit the use of his name.

The president should stand firm. We think he committed a great mistake when he endorsed the internal revenue system, passed by a republican congress, and made odious by repeated maladministrations, but outside of this, with the single exception of his peculiar views on the civil service, we think he has made the best president the country has had for years.

The letter of Governor Bullock, which we print elsewhere, contains some statements which will be interesting to Georgians even at this late date. It appears that Colonel Hulbert was for Dawson Walker for governor and that General Meade, who had practical control of all the election machinery, was for General Gordon.

New York Abandoned.

For political candor commend us to the Philadelphia News, a red republican organ of the Quaker city. True, frankness in a republican organ is a rare thing, but a recent editorial in the News is the rarest exotic we have yet seen in the republican garden.

The News advises the republican party to "let New York alone," and in a plainly put better-be-careful editorial shows that New York is a waste of time, money and energy for the republicans to even attempt to carry it in the presidential election, when these potential political forces, which will be lost in New York, could be used to great advantage in a more inviting field.

In 1884 New York repudiated the republican candidate for the presidency. In 1886 the gigantic machinery of the federal offices was in the hands of the republicans. It was used to gain the victory for the party. It filled. This year that machinery is in the hands of the democracy. It will be used to help them win. More than this, the state offices were democratic today than in 1884, and the state has a democratic governor today whose sole aim is to carry the election for his party far more than the governor of 1884.

Since 1872, and including that year, New York has gone democratic eleven times out of fifteen. The four times when it has voted the republican ticket were exceptional. Once was the Greeley year, which "don't count," the second time was when Hannam bolted with nearly 78,000 votes; the third time was when Garfield carried New York by 21,000 votes only, and the last time was the year of his death, when "sentiment" helped the republicans.

Again, take the actual vote in the vote which the last presidential election. They are:

1884.....562,001 1888.....400,637
1880.....420,831 1884.....432,411
With a constantly increasing republican vote, and a constantly increasing democratic vote, the latter of which is now more than double the only legitimate republican plurality in fifteen years, how can any sane republican doubt that there is little chance for republican success this year, especially when the attitude of the newspapers, an important factor not considered in this article, is still favorable to Cleveland, who has votes, offices, power and nearly everything else in New York at his command.

If the republicans desire success they must turn their eyes westward to a man who with a good

eastern man, can carry Indiana and the doubtful northern states of New Jersey and Connecticut.

The next president, if a republican, must come from the west.

The soundness of this reasoning is such that it ought to demonstrate to the party to which the News belongs that New York is an iron-bound and copper-bottomed democratic stronghold. The republicans have no chance of success in the coming presidential election.

The same reasoning can, of course, be applied to the solid south with more force than to New York, therefore granting that the solid south and New York are certainly democratic, we have 180 electoral votes for the democratic candidate, 36 from New York, and 153 from the solid south. This leaves only twelve more to get to have a majority of the electoral college. Both Connecticut and New Jersey are more certainly democratic states than New York, according to the very argument of the News, for both of them have been more reliably democratic for the last fifteen years than New York.

But suppose they had not; the suggestion of the News, that the republican candidate must come from the west at once carries with it the idea that there is not much to expect from the east. The republicans can carry neither Connecticut nor New Jersey, and with the votes of these two states the democrats will have 204 votes, or three more than a majority.

There are a half dozen other states that the republicans cannot count on, and Indiana will more than probably sleep off the democratic platform of Cleveland and Oregon and it would surprise nobody to see Michigan and Minnesota do the same thing.

In all, the republican outlook is badly lighted.

It now appears that Mr. Jay Gould endeavored to influence the newspapers of New York city to print the Hopkins scandal in order to injure a woman.

A Great Event.

The coming exposition which the colored people propose to hold in Atlanta, if they meet with sufficient encouragement, promises to mark an era in the world's progress. The exposition will be in no sense a local affair. It will not be bounded by state or even continental lines. It will be a world's exposition, and the exhibits will represent the scientific, industrial and artistic progress of the colored people in every quarter of the globe. Liberia, the West Indies and Central and South America will all be represented, and many European countries will send exhibits.

The novelty of this great exposition, for it is the first of its kind in the history of the world; and the vast scale upon which it will be conducted, will attract the attention of every civilized nation. It will be liberally supported by the federal government, and nothing will be wanting to secure its complete success.

The people of Atlanta, apart from their friendly interest in this enterprise of their colored brethren, are also directly interested in it in other ways. The holding of the exposition here will cause millions of dollars to be spent in this city. It will be in full blast in midwinter, and the immense tide of northern travel southward will be drawn to this point for a week, or perhaps a month. We may expect fifty thousand visitors—we are not speaking of colored people, but white visitors, who will come from everywhere—and among them we may expect to see some of the most famous statesmen, philanthropists and scientists of Europe.

It ought to be an easy matter to secure this remarkable world's fair for Atlanta. Nothing is asked but our hearty indorsement, and our people are certainly ready to give it, with their warmest wishes for the complete success of the enterprise.

The Philadelphia Press says that Jay Gould's letter to James Gordon Bennett was "a genuine sockdologer." But did it prove that Mr. Gould is innocent of the charges made upon him?

The Currency Question.

A correspondent, who does not sign his name to his communication, desires to know if we cannot "show that the depression in business is owing to the currency question and not to the tariff." There is no general depression in business that we know of, and even if there were it would certainly not be due to the tariff.

It may be said, however, that the currency question is a much more important one than our congressmen are willing to admit. The continued demonetization of silver oppresses the farmers of the country to a greater degree than any writer on economical subjects has intimated. The price of silver affects the price of both cotton and wheat, and the practical demonetization of the metal by the United States has cost our farmers millions of dollars.

There is but one remedy for this state of things, and that is for congress to provide for the free coinage of silver. Not only would such a measure at once bring gold and silver together so far as their value is concerned, but it would have a tremendous influence on the nations of Europe who, for purposes of their own, have determined to demonetize silver. Chief among these nations is Great Britain, which is thus enabled to buy Indian wheat and cotton for silver and sell it for gold. This transaction reacts on the United States, and lowers the price which our farmers receive for their commodities.

JOHN SHERMAN has taken the trouble to deny that he will withdraw from the presidential race. John never withdrew from anything yet in which he could see money and glory.

HENRY GEORGE says he is for "Cleveland and free trade." Evidently Mr. George knows how to help the republicans. It is well to be for Mr. Cleveland, but Mr. Cleveland's message doesn't make him a free-trader.

JOHN PAUL BOOCOCK, of the New York World, made the biggest hit of his journalistic career recently by visiting the Panama canal and writing it up.

CAPTAIN WOOD, of Sherman's army, has an article in the April North American Review in which he attempts to show that Columbia was burned by Hampton's men or by the citizens. He says Columbia was on fire before a single federal soldier crossed the river, and that

as soon as Sherman's soldiers entered the town they were at work fighting the flames and assisting the citizens to save their household goods. The captain tells a very straightforward story, but he cannot change the facts of the case. There is a mountain of unimpeachable testimony to show that Sherman burned the city, and it is in record that his men plundered the citizens and treated them with the greatest brutality.

"WAIT WHILE FOR WATER," remarks the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette. This seems to be the general view in Ohio, but it may be added that no Cincinnati editor ever waits awhile for beer.

The two most prominent citizens of the metropolis are Madame Dis Debat and Jay Gould. Both are bold and versatile.

THE MAKERS OF PURE LARD are not yet out of their stew.

SEVERAL OF OUR ESTEEMED republican correspondents are giving some very good advice about the appointment of Judge Thomas M. Cooley, of Michigan, as chief justice. Judge Cooley is no doubt an excellent man, but he has the misfortune of being a republican. The kindly interest of our esteemed correspondents in the case is very much appreciated, but we are compelled to delicately but firmly remind them that this is an off year for republicans. Selah!

TWELVE DRUG FIRM are trying to get up an arsenic trust. They should be compelled to take their own medicine.

COMMENTING UPON MINISTER BRAGO'S speech in Mexico, a San Antonio paper says: "The United States cannot logically object to a monarchical government in Mexico. One persistent refusal to act upon the Monroe doctrine violates the whole of it. That doctrine forbids the interference of European powers with existing governments on the western hemisphere. For some months past Great Britain has been meddling with Mexico, and has robbed the republic of Venezuela, and we have looked on, if not complacently, at least quietly. The United States has no more to do with Mexico than it has with Venezuela. If it keeps hands off in one, it should keep hands off in the other. In the latter case, with good deal of truth, that our own business is as much as we can find to anyhow."

THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD is of the opinion that Mr. Randall is losing ground. Certainly he is not losing ground with people who admire common sense politics; which is another name for statesmanship.

LAWYER MARSH, of New York, is not the only believer in the supernatural powers of the Madame Debar, who has tricked her out of his property. It is claimed that there are 2,000,000 Spiritualists in this country.

STATISTICS show that "men of thought" live on an average three years longer than ordinary men, but "men of feeling" and "men of action" live five years less than the average. A man who is not excitable or emotional, may very much reach the age of three score and ten, but the man of deep feeling is always in danger of sudden death.

MR. IGNATIUS DONNELLY's publishers announce that his "Great Shakespearian Cryptogram" will be issued without fail on the first of May.

PRETTY MISS. OLIVE WILSON, ex-Astor, recently astonished fashionable people in New York by carrying a bundle along Fifth avenue in broad daylight. Worst of all, the bundle was wrapped in a package of toilet soap.

THE MAGNIFICENT MANSION of Hon. William Walter Phelps, at Teaneck, N. J., was burned to the ground last Sunday night with a loss of about \$250,000.

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BULLOCK ON HULBERT.

Containing a Bit of Ancient Political History.

Ex-Governor Bullock Replies to Charges of Conspiracy in the Division of Reconstruction—The State Road.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CONSTITUTION: The recent death and burial of Colonel E. Hulbert has been made the occasion in your and in other journals in the state to refer to his public record in a way to suggest doubt as to the honorable character of the man. There is no positive charge, but the allegation by implication is that I, being his superior officer in the express service some twenty years ago, caused him to be then appointed chief registrar under the management of the division of reconstruction.

That fact is, that under the congressional law it was necessary for a majority of all the registered voters to vote on the question of calling a convention to form a constitution, and the opposition of President Johnson to that congressional policy, led by the brilliant B. H. Hill, made their campaign of demagoguery to deter the people from voting, so that the requisite majority of all those registered should not vote. If a majority failed to vote it would defeat the reconstruction scheme of congress. The official report of the election shows that Colonel Hulbert was to the effect that more than a majority of all those registered had voted, and the convention was called.

Now it has never been even hinted that there was any fraud in the count, and yet here we find the official report of the election, which is unquestioned, that he conducted fairly and honestly the initial proceedings upon which the whole subsequent proceedings rested, we must claim for him an honorable record.

The second branch of the defamatory allegation against the honor of Colonel Hulbert is that I conspired with him to secure the nomination for governor and for such a counting of the votes as would elect me and defeat General Gordon.

The truth is that Colonel Hulbert favored and worked for the nomination of Judge Walker, and his special friends so voted in the convention. Other worthy gentlemen were named, Colonel H. P. Farrow, Colonel Wm. Markham, Hon. Joshua Hill, etc. It is not to be forgotten that it was my nomination. Beyond the high honor of being governor of this great state, with the possible opportunity of being of service in reviving material interests which had been checked by the war, there was nothing to be gained by this nomination. It was a position I then held were highly remunerative to me, and it was as a serious pecuniary loss that I gave them up to enter upon the executive duties. No man can truthfully say that I ever asked his vote or his influence for the nomination of Judge Walker. It was my nomination. 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